side to, *inter-alia*, do its best to simplify the visa application procedure for the tour groups organized by designated Chinese travel agencies.

Export of Dual Use Item to Iraq

5048. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Indian companies are found exporting dual-use items to Iraq despite U.N. sanctions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any official communication in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (e) Indian companies exporting to Iraq have done so after securing the approval of the UN Sanctions Committee as prescribed by the UN Security Council.

Some companies had exported dual use items in violation of Indian export control regulations, which has been investigated and a prosecution complaint has been filed in the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM), Patiala House, New Delhi on 20-2-2003. Two persons were arrested during investigation and another two were sent to judicial custody by ACMM court.

IT Professionals arrested in Netherland

5049. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI :
SHRI SURENDRA LATH :
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the arrest of Indian Information Technology professionals in Netherland;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Netherland;

(c) if so, the response and reply of the Government of Netherland thereto; and